

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the following paragraph at page 1, lines 3-5, of the Specification:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~09/648,678~~ 09/646,678, entitled "Apparatus for Dispensing Tickets" and filed September 20, 2000. The disclosure of the above-identified patent application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.